Recording of a video film at Ongole auction platform

1406. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was recently tension at Ongole auction platform of Tobacco Board, when a video film was being recorded;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) On 17th June, 1993, a video team engaged by ITC Ltd. came to Ongole-I Auction Platform to film the auction proceedings. The purpose was to show the film to ITC's foreign customers overseas. The farmers somehow objected to the making of the film and the exercise was interrupted midway.

Opening of auction platforms of Tobacco Board

1407. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that auction platform of tobacco board have been opened very late; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh auctions commenced on 27-2-93, about two weeks later than the previous year. The main reasons for this delay were as follows:—

(i) Late closure of the preceding Karnataka auctions due to marketing of an extra large crop size; and

(ii) Lack of enthusiasm amongst exporters because their finances were locked up in stocks purchased in the previous year in anticipation of Russian orders.

The Karnataka auctions commenced on 21-9-92 last year. This year the auctions have yet to commence.

Auction of F.C.V. Tobacco

1408. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of F.C.V. Tobacco left outs/remnants collected on the auction platforms is passed on to Indian Tobacco Association, each year, since the auction system has been introduced; and

(b) what is the value thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Tobacco left-outs

were collected by the Board, sold in public auctions, and a part of the proceeds handed over to Indian Tobacco Association (I.T.A.) as given below:—

Auction	Year	Quantity	Amount Handed over to ITA Rs.
Karnataka	1984	21,331	67,134.10
	1985	18,427	38,677.87
	1986	19,064	30,440,06
	1987	Entire proceeds were retained	
	1988	by the Board.	
Andhra Pradesh;	1985	2,31,776	4,46,773.75
	1986	1,68,619	1,84,390,99
	1987	2,36,639	1,86,901.50
	1988	Entire proceeds were retained	
	1989	by the Board.	

(ii) In the following auction, right of collection of left-outs on the auction floor was disposed of by calling Tenders and I.T.A. was the successful Tenderer.

Karnataka-1989, Qty, collected by I.T.A.—Not available.

Tender amount — Rs. 1,01,000/-

(iii) In the following auctions right of collection of left-outs was entrusted to A.T.A. after payrent of an amount fixed by the Board:—

Auction		Amount paid to Board (Rs)	Quantity collected by ITA (kg)*
Karnataka	1990	1,25,481	59,615
	1991	(Right of collection disposed of	
	1992	by calling tenders and successful tenderers were other than I.T.C.;	
A.P.	1990	5,49,403	2,09,241
	1991	6,12,828	2,13,965
	£1992	6,51,129.32 +2,00,000.00	4,81,685
	£1993	7,43,026.00 +2,00,000.00	4,97,725

*Figures furnished by I.T.C., +Security Deposit, £Based on Interim orders of A.P. High Court.

1409. [*Transferred to 13th August,* 1993)

Separate agency for handling export of sugar

1410. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a separate agency for handling export of sugar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;